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1. SINCE SENDING REFTEL I HAVE HIT UP EITHER SHIRAWI OR FOREIGN MINISTER AT LEAST WEEKLY, SUGGESTING FINALLY THAT SHIRAWI, SINCE HE IS "READY", GIVE ME LIST OF FOUR CHOICES FROM WHICH WE COULD AGREE ON TWO AMERICAN EXPERTS TO WORK WITH HIS MINISTRY (DEVELOPMENT/ENGINEERING SERVICES) LEAVING OTHER SIX GOB CHOICES (FOR THREE REMAINING SLOTS) TO STRAGGLE IN LATER. SHIRAWI PROMISED ME A LIST BY FEBRUARY 10, WHICH MEANS HOPEFULLY BY MID-FEBRUARY.

2. COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTER/SHIRAWI FULLY UNDERSTAND URGENCY OF GETTING ON WITH THIS, AND ARE DEEPLY EMBARRASSED ABOUT DELAY. THEY WANT U.S. EXPERTS HERE ON THE JOB BY LATE SEPTEMBER. THIS ISHNE OF SEVERAL BITS OF BU ENESS WE HAVE BEFORE GOB WHICH IT CONSIDERS AT LEAST AS PRESSING AS WE DO. PROBLEM IS GOB INCREASINGLY OVERWORKED AT TOP LEVELS, THE TOALITY OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT IS BEGINNING TO SHOW THE STRAIN, AND ONLY THE MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS ARE HANDLED. THERE IS PERHAPS NO BETTER PROVIDER

OF GOB'S NEED FOR U.S. EXPERT HELP.

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